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Brief Profile

SARJIT S. GILL is Professor of Social Anthropology at the Department of Social and Development Sciences, Faculty of Human Ecology, Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM). He obtained his PhD (2005), MA (1999) and BA (1998) in Anthropology & Sociology from the Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM). He holds the position of Senate Member at Universiti Putra Malaysia and currently as a Research Fellow at the Institute of Borneo Studies at Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS).

Since joining the academic staff of UPM in 2000, he has nurtured and developed his research interest and core expertise primarily in minority studies, specializing in the Sikh community of Malaysia. Over the years, he has extended his interest on minority studies by studying other ethnic minority communities in the country, including Orang Asli (indigenous groups) in Peninsular Malaysia, and selected native groups in Sabah and Sarawak. The main thrust of his expertise is social development of minority communities in Malaysia. In doing so, he has established himself as one of the leading experts in minority studies, a highly relevant and critical field in multi-ethnic societies such as Malaysia to ensure social cohesion and inclusive development. This is in keeping with the cutting-edge knowledge in the field, and with social policies of inclusive and sustainable development as articulated in the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2030.

As expression of his expertise, Sarjit lectures in Sociology and Social Anthropology; Social Policy and Planning; Society, Development and Environment; Social Change and Community Development. Sarjit adapts his teaching to be congruent with fieldwork approaches. To date, he has successfully graduated 32 postgraduate students (18 as main supervisor) and 65 undergraduate students (as Final Year Project supervisor).

He also acted as internal/external examiner to 60 PhD and 42 Master thesis candidates from universities in Malaysia, United Kingdom, India, and Brunei. Sarjit's active research and consultancy initiatives earned 28 grants (17 as principal investigator) amounting to RM1.9 million from local, private, and international fund providers. Sarjit has conducted research among ethnic minorities in Malaysia and published numerous peer reviewed scientific papers and book chapters on issues of digital divide, consumerism, and identity crisis in Malaysia since 2005. In publication, he has more than 80 journal papers in cited and referred journal, 10 books, 46 chapters in book, 25 proceedings, six modules and 80 popular writings (magazine and newspapers). To date, Sarjit has 7 Scopus H Index, (158 citations) and 19 Google H Index (1731 citations). At international level, Sarjit has presented papers that include keynote addresses in conferences in USA, Australia, Singapore, Thailand, and Indonesia.

As an anthropologist, Dr. Sarjit has considerable strength in the application of qualitative methods of data collection, analyses and report writing. He has also conducted several training and academic workshops in qualitative methodologies in National Institute of Public Administration (INTAN) and the National Museum of Malaysia. With such expertise and contribution, Sarjit has built a fine reputation and earned respect in the academic and policy circles, as well as among civil society groups. He has in fact been given the trust to deliver five keynote addresses at national and international conferences. He has been a voice of conscience upholding social justice and unity for ethnic minorities in Malaysia throughout his academic career and public advocacy work.

With such a fine reputation and respect, he is often referred to by various circles nationally and internationally. For example, he has strong networks with international counterparts in Indonesia, Australia, Thailand, and Singapore, he was chosen to represent Malaysia on three occasions; Peace and Human Security Workshop organized by UNESCO in Bangkok, Thailand (2007), the Interfaith Conference in Perth, Australia (2009) and the Interfaith Summit in Bali, Indonesia (2012). Currently, he is Vice President for Asia Pacific Forum on Ethics and Social Justice (Malaysia). At the national level, Sarjit served a crucial role as an expert reference in the revision of the new Malaysia Youth Policy, which falls under the purview of the Ministry of Youth and Sports Malaysia. He has also been invited to contribute thoughts to the National Unity Policy and National Cultural Policy. Sarjit is affiliated with the Malaysian Institute of Integrity, having served as a past executive editor for the Malaysian Journal of Youth Studies published by the Malaysian Institute for Research in Youth Development, Ministry of Youth and Sports Malaysia.

Sarjit has also been referred to by various ministries, agencies, local communities, and special interest groups. He served as a Guest Writer (Karyawan Tamu) Ministry of Higher Education; Chairman of the Social Harmony Cluster, Youth Development Research Institute Malaysia (IPPBM), Ministry of Youth and Sports Malaysia; Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Journal of Technical and Social Sciences, Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah Polytechnic, Selangor; as a member of the Task Force to review the Report of National Inquiry into the Land Rights of Indigenous Peoples by SUHAKAM; former Secretary of the National Unity Cluster of National Professors Council, Prime Minister's Department; Member of the Advisory Board of the Institute of National Integration and Training (IKLIN), Department of National Unity and National Integration, Department of the Prime Minister; and former Deputy Chairman of the Executive Committee on Religious Issues, the Committee to Promote Understanding and Harmony among Religions (JKMPKA) for two years. In 2016, the Vice-Chancellor of Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) appointed Sarjit as a member of Independent Experts on Indian Civilization to help resolve the controversy involving the presentation of slides on Indian Civilization, in Islamic Civilization and Asian Civilization Course (TITAS) at Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM). In early 2020, the Department of Higher Education Malaysia (JPT) appointed Sarjit as a member of Independent Experts on Ethnic Relations to investigate the controversial final examination questions on Ethnic Relations course at Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP).

His academic standing, strong leadership qualities and effective soft skills have been much sought after and have been tapped into for the advantage of UPM. He was given the opportunity to hold several administrative posts including Head of the Department of Social and Development Sciences, Faculty of Human Ecology; and Program Head, Community Education Research, Institute for Social Science Studies (IPSAS). Additionally, he held the position of Deputy President for the UPM Academic Staff Association and other committees at UPM, including as a Senate Member, the Research and Publications Committee, Professional Services Committee, and Academic Promotion Board.

Currently, Sarjit serves as a trainer for the Popular Writing and Media Engagement programme under the Higher Education Leadership Academy (AKEPT), which falls under the Ministry of Higher Education in Malaysia. Currently, Sarjit holds the position of Editor-in-Chief for the Malaysian Journal of Human Ecology, which is affiliated with Universiti Putra Malaysia. He is a life member of the Malaysian Social Sciences Association (PSSM), several Editors Board Members including Asian People Journal published by University Sultan Zainal Abidin (UniSZA), Jurnal Kinabalu published by Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS). Sarjit is also a Member of American Anthropological Association, Member for Malaysian Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society, and former Supreme Council Member for Malaysian Youth Council (MBM). He is an Advisory Board Member for Malaysia Corruption Watch (MCW), an organisation that provides public advocacy on good

governance and the fight against corruption.

In terms of public engagement, Sarjit has employed his presentation skills to give talks in more than 200 programs, benefiting thousands. Sarjit features regularly in the media such as RTM, TV3, TV9, Astro Awani, Al-Hijrah, Bernama TV, Radio24 and RTM Radio to share his views on Malaysian society, especially on minorities' issues. Prof. Sarjit outstanding achievement in media engagement earned him the UPM Media Personality Award in 2009. He has been writing regularly in various professional magazines published by Institute of Language and Literature (Dewan Bahasa & Pustaka) since 1999 and was awarded Anugerah Citra Sababat by Dewan Bahasa & Pustaka (DBP) in recognition of his work on the promotion of the Malay language in Malaysia. Professor Sarjit and Dr. Mohd Roslan Rosnon were awarded the National Book Award in 2019 for their edited publication titled "Pembangunan Kontemporari Orang Asli" (Contemporary Development of Orang Asli). This book was published by Universiti Putra Malaysia Press. In 2023, Rowman & Littlefield published his most recent book, "Emerging Dynamics in Contemporary India-Malaysia Relations," which he co-edited with Professor Ravichandran Moorthy (UKM).

A. Education and academic qualifications.

Degree	Class/Achievement	University Awarded	Year
PhD	Doctor of Philosophy Anthropology & Sociology	National University of Malaysia (UKM)	2005
Master	Master of Arts Anthropology & Sociology	National University of Malaysia (UKM)	1999
Bachelor	Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Anthropology & Sociology	National University of Malaysia (UKM)	1998

B. Selected Administrative duties and other relevant appointments.

No	Position	Department/Faculty/Other Institution	Year	Duration
1	Editor-in- Chief	Malaysian Journal of Human Ecology, Universiti Putra Malaysia Sabah (UPM)	2023	2 years
2	Advisory Board Member	Jurnal Kinabalu, Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS)	2020	2 years
3	Editorial Member	Southeast Asian Social Science Review (SEASSR) Malaysian Social Science Association	2020	2 years
4	Expert Reference	To Review Final Draft of National Unity Policy by Ministry of National Unity	2020	2 Nov 2020
5	Member	Malaysian SDG Academic Network Steering Committee	2020	2 years
6	Expert Reference	To Review Final Draft of National Cultural Policy by Ministry of Culture, Arts &	2019	21 Sept 2019
7	Co-Editor in Chief	Malaysia Museums Journal, Dept. of Museums Malaysia	2019	2 years
8	Editorial Member	Asian People Journal University Sultan Zainal Abidin (UniSZA)	2018	1 year
9	Advisor	Rukun Negara Secretariat UPM	2018-2022	4 years

10	Member	Expert Committee for Youth Societies and Youth Development Act 2007 (Act 668) Amendment, Ministry of Youth and Sports Malaysia	2018	2 years
11	Deputy Chairman	Sub-committee on Religious Issues, Jawatankuasa Mempromosikan Persefahaman & Keharmonian Antara Penganut Agama (JKMPKA). Jabatan Perpaduan Negara & Integrasi Nasional (JPIN), Jabatan Perdana Menteri	2016	2 years
12	Secretary	National Unity Cluster, National Council of Professors, Prime Minister Office, Malaysia	2014-2016	2 years
13	Expert Referenc	Formulating Malaysia Youth Policy by Ministry of Youth & Sports Malaysia	2014	1 year
14	Member	Task Force for SUHAKAM National Inquiry Report of Indigenous Lands, Prime Minister's Dept.	2013	1 year
15	Member	History, Heritage and Culture Cluster, National Council of Professors, Prime Minister Office, Malaysia	2013	1 year
16	Associate Member	Politics, Security & International Relations Cluster, National Council of Professors, Prime Minister Office, Malaysia	2013	1 year
17	Executive Editor	Malaysian Journal of Youth Studies, Malaysian Institute for Research in Youth Development, Ministry of Youth & Sports Malaysia	2008-2019	11 years
18	Represented Malaysia Government	In Interfaith Summit in Bali, Indonesia. Represented Jabatan Perpaduan Negara & Integrasi Nasional, Jabatan Perdana Menteri Malaysia	2012	5-7 Oct
19	Head of Department	Dept. of Social and Development Science, Faculty of Human Ecology UPM	2009 – 2014	5 years
20	Represented Malaysian Government	Fifth Regional Interfaith Dialogue. Organized and Sponsored by Australian Government, Perth, Australia	2009	28-30 Oct
21	Member	Malaysian Institute of Integrity (IIM)	2009 – 2023	14 years
22	Represented Malaysian Government	In Regional Training Workshop on Human Security and Peace Organized by UNESCO Bangkok and Chulalongkorn University, Thailand	2007	12-16 March

C. Selected Academic duties and other relevant appointments.

No	Position	Department/Faculty/Other Institution	Year	Duration
1	Assessor / External Reviewer	Curriculum Review for Bachelor of Social Science (Hons) in Social Innovation and Change, Taylor's University	2022	2 years
2	Assessor / External Reviewer	Curriculum Review for Bachelor of Anthropology and Sociology (Hons), Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM)	2022	1 year

3	Assessor / External Reviewer	Curriculum Review for Bachelor of Anthropology and Sociology (Hons), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM)	2022	3 years
4	External Advisor	Curriculum Review for Master of Education in History, Faculty of Education, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM)	2021	1 year
5	Assessor/ External Reviewer	Curriculum Review for Bachelor of Anthropology and Sociology (Hons), Universiti Malaya (UM)	2015	2 years

D. Selected Publications.

a. Cited Journals

No	Name of Writer (s)	Year Published	Title	Name of Journal	Vol. No	Page No
1	M. Ravichandran, Sarjit S. Gill, S. Sivapalan, & Gurunathan, A	2022	Vaccine Justice and Bio-ethical Reflections of COVID-19 Immunization in Malaysia	Sustainability Q2	14 (19)	1-15
2	Fang, Y. X, Sarjit S. Gill et al.	2022	Digital Divide: An Inquiry on the Native Communities of Sabah	Societies	12 (6)	1-22
3	M. Ravichandran, S. Sivapalan, Sarjit S. Gill & Gurunathan, A.	2021	Sustainable Societal Peace through the Integration of Bioethics Principles and Value-Based Education	Sustainability Q2	13 (16)	1-9
4	M. Ravichandran, Gabriel T. Akwen, Sity Daud & Sarjit S. Gill	2020	Counterterrorism and Human Rights Violations in Northeast Nigeria	International Journal of Innovation, Creativity & Change	13 (12)	931-947
5	M. Ravichandran, Guido Benny & Sarjit S. Gill	2018	Disaster Communication in Managing Vulnerabilities	Malaysian Journal of Communication	34 (2)	51-66

6	Charanjit Kaur & Sarjit S. Gill	2018	Sikh Women Diaspora in Malaysia: The Reality of their Role and Status in the Religious Domain	Millennial Asia (SAGE)	9 (1)	40-65
7	K. Puvaneswaran, Sarjit S. Gill et.al	2017	Measuring Sustainable Indigenous Tourism Indicators: A Case of Mah Meri Group in Carey Island, Malaysia	Sustainability Q2	9 (1256)	1-20
8	Sarjit S. Gill, A.T Talib, Choo Yeong Khong & K. Puvaneswaran	2016	Exploring the Role of Resources in Ethnic Minorities' Adoption of Information and Communication Technology in Preserving their Cultural Identity in Malaysia	Asian Culture & History	8 (1)	69-75
9	Chin Yee Mun, Lee Yok Fee, Jayum Jawan & Sarjit Singh	2015	From Individual Choice to Collective Actions: Ethnic Consciousness in Malaysia Reconsidered	Ethnic & Racial Studies IF: 0.956 Q2	38 (2)	259-274
10	Sarjit S. Gill, A.T Talib & K. Puvaneswaran	2015	Social Issues and Identity Threat of the Sikh Minority Community in Malaysia	Asian Culture & History	7 (2)	47-51

b. Selected Books

No	Name of Author (s)	Year Published	Title	Publisher
1	Ravichandran Moorthy & Sarjit S. Gill (Editor)	2023	Emerging Dynamics in Contemporary India-Malaysia Relations	Lexington Books (London)
2	Sarjit S. Gill & Mohd Roslan Rosnon (Editor)	2018	Pembangunan Kontemporari Orang Asli	Universiti Putra Malaysia
3	Zaid Ahmad (Editor), Ruslan Zainuddin, Sarjit S. Gill , A.T. Talib, Ho Hui Ling, Lee Yok Fee, Najeemah Mohd Yusof & Nazri Muslim	2017 (4 th Edition)	Hubungan Etnik di Malaysia	Oxford Fajar
4	Haslinda Abdullah, Sarjit S. Gill , Ismi Arif Ismail, Turiman Suandi, Nobaya Ahmad & Dzuhailmi Dahalan (Editor)	2011	Belia Pewaris 1Malaysia	Universiti Putra Malaysia
5	Nobaya Ahmad, Haslinda Abdullah, Abd. Halim Sidek, Sarjit S. Gill & Dzuhailmi Dahalan (Editor)	2009	Pembangunan Belia Abad Ke-21: Isu dan Cabaran	Universiti Putra Malaysia

6	Haslinda Abdullah, Turiman Suandi, Abd. Halim Sidek, Sarjit S. Gill , Nobaya Ahmad & Dzuhailmi Dahalan (Editor)	2009	Belia dan Pembangunan Modal Insan	Universiti Putra Malaysia
7	Sarjit S. Gill & Lee Yok Fee (Editor)	2008	Masyarakat dan Kepelbagaian Sosial di Malaysia	Universiti Putra Malaysia
8	Ma'rof Redzuan & Sarjit S. Gill (Editor)	2008	Orang Asli: Isu, Transformasi dan Cabaran	Universiti Putra Malaysia
9	Zaid Ahmad, Ho Hui Ling, Sarjit S. Gill , A.T. Talib, Ku Halim Ku Musa, Lee Yok Fee, Nazri Muslim & Ruslan Zainuddin	2006 (1 st Edition)	Hubungan Etnik di Malaysia	Oxford Fajar

c. Selected Conference/Seminar Papers Presented (orally)

No	Name of Writer (s)	Title	Name of Seminar/Conference	Organiser	Place	Date
1	Sarjit S. Gill	Managing Social Issues of the Sikh Community in Malaysia	Roundtable on Contemporary India-Malaysia Relations	Jawarlal Nehru University	New Delhi, India	4 Mac 2019
2	Sarjit S. Gill	Role of Gurdwara in Promoting Social Harmony and Peaceful Co-existence: Malaysian Experience	93 rd Session, Indian Philosophical Congress	Indian Philosophical Congress	Bihar, India	7-11 Mac 2019
3	Sarjit S. Gill	Societal Ethics and Conflict Management of the Sikh Community in Malaysia	Joint All India Association of Bioethics (AIBA)-AUSN Bioethics, Sustainability and Global Health Training Workshop	University of Madras, Chennai	Madras, India	8-11 Dec 2018
4	Sarjit S. Gill	Managing Ethnic Minorities for National Development in Malaysia	Malaysia and The World Conference	Ohio University	USA	24-26 Mac 2017
5	Choo Y.K & Sarjit S. Gill	Issues of ICT Adoption in Cultural Preservation amongst Ethnic Minorities in Malaysia	Human Ecology International Conference	University Putra Malaysia	Malaysia	18-20 Apr 2017

6	Sarjit S. Gill	Role of Academia in Promotion of Inter-Religious Understanding in A Multi-Religious Society	Keynote Address 2 nd International Conference on Religion and Society	University Malaysia Sabah	Malaysia	22 Aug 2017
7	Sarjit S. Gill	Exploring the Potential of Social Sciences Research towards Enhancing ASEAN Community	Keynote Address International Seminar on Social Science Research 2016	Walailak University	Thailand	15 Dec 2016
8	Sarjit S. Gill	Digital Inclusion Potential for All Malaysian	Keynote Address Seminar Ensuring Equitable ICT through Digital Inclusion	Malaysian Communication and Multimedia Commission	Putrajaya	15 Dec 2015
9	Sarjit S. Gill	Ethnic Relations in Malaysia	Seminar ASEAN, Politics & Ethnicity	Faculty of Social Sciences, Chiang Mai University	Thailand	24 Sept 2014
10	Sarjit S. Gill	Managing Unity and Promoting 1 Malaysia	Seminar Malaysia-Indonesia Relations towards Asean Community	Faculty of Social and Political Science, Universitas Gadjah Mada	Indonesia	26 Aug 2014
11	Sarjit S. Gill	Unity in Diversity: Malaysian Experience and Approach	Keynote Address International Seminar theme 'One Asean, One Community'	Wailalak University Thailand and UPM	Thailand	9 Feb 2012

E. Selected Research Activities

No	Title	Role (Main/Co-researcher)	Sponsor/Grant & Amount (RM)	Period (year)	Status (Completed /Ongoing)
1	ICT Adoption and Cultural Preservation amongst the KadazanDusun Community in Sabah	Principal Investigator	Universiti Putra Malaysia/Research Management Centre (RMC UPM)/GP-IPS Grant 2020 RM25,000.00	1 year	Completed
2	Developing A Model of ICT Adoption and Its Impacts on Cultural Identity amongst the Native People of Sabah	Principal Investigator	Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC)/2016 RM240,174.80	15 months	Completed
3	A Study on the Social Issues and Socio-economic Status of Sikhs in Malaysia	Principal Investigator	Coalition of Malaysian Sikh Organisations/2013 RM100,000.00	1 year	Completed

4	Participation Model of the Semai People through Indigenous Tourism	Principal Investigator	FRGS KPT / 2011 RM48,800.00	2 years	Completed
5	Reducing Religious Prejudice in Malaysia	Co-researcher	UPM Grant / 2014 RM35,750.00	1 year	Ongoing
6	The Formation of Inter-Ethnic Perceptions and Their Impact on Ethnic Relations in Malaysia	Co-researcher	Science Fund / 2007 RM160,620.00	2 years	Completed

F. Selected Community Project activities

No	Title	Role	Sponsor/Grant & Amount (RM)	Star Rating	Date
1	Teacher Capacity Development Program	Project Leader	Institut Pendidikan Guru (IPG) /Kampus Tawau, Sabah / RM3,000.00	3	28 June 2018
2	ICT Community Development and Cultural Preservation Program	Project Leader	Sekolah Kebangsaan Mabul, Sabah / RM1,000.00	3	25 June 2018
3	Sikh Youth Empowerment Program	Project Leader	Malaysia Gurdwara Council / RM 600.00	2	23 July 2017
4	Community Security Awareness among the Orang Asli in Jelebu, Negeri Sembilan	Co-Project Leader	National Security Council, Negeri Sembilan / RM 500.00	2	12 Oct 2016

G. Involvement in Professional Association/organization.

No	Name of Association/Organization/Body	Role (President/Secretary/Committee Member/Ordinary Member)
1	Social Cohesion Cluster, Academy of Professors Malaysia	Cluster Co-chair Ordinary Member (2020-2022)
2	Asia Pacific Forum on Ethics and Social Justice (Malaysia)	Vice President (2018-2020)
3	American Anthropological Association	Member (2018-2019)
4	National Unity Cluster, National Council of Professors Malaysia (MPN)	Committee Member (2016-2018)
5	National Unity Cluster, National Council of Professors Malaysia (MPN)	Secretary (2014-2016)
6	Malaysian Institute of Integrity (IIM)	Appointed as Member since 2009 till present
7	Malaysian Youth Council (MBM)	Supreme Council Member (2009-2012)
8	UPM Academic Staff Association	Deputy President (2011-2012) Committee Member (2009-2011)

9	Malaysian Social Science Association (PSSM)	Committee Member (2006-2008, 2002-2004) /Life Member
10	Malaysian Branch of The Royal Asiatic Society (MBRAS)	Ordinary Member

H. Selected Academic Awards and recognitions.

No	Award/Recognition	Organisation Awarded	Year
1	Anugerah Duta Anti-Rasuah – Kategori Akademik	Malaysia Corruption Watch (MCW)	2023
2	Anugerah Buku Negara – Buku Pembangunan Kontemporari Orang Asli	Yayasan Pembangunan Buku Negara	2019
3	Anugerah Perkhidmatan Cemerlang	UPM	2015
4	Anugerah Fellowship Dekan	UPM	2013
5	Anugerah Citra Sahabat DBP	Dewan Bahasa & Pustaka (DBP)	2013
6	2 Bronze Medals, Pameran Rekacipta Penyelidikan & Inovasi 2010, UPM	UPM	2010
7	UPM Media Personality Award	UPM	2009
8	Anugerah Darjah Kebesaran Ahli Mahkota Perak A.M.P.	DYMM Sultan Perak	2009
9	Anugerah Perkhidmatan Cemerlang	UPM	2005